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Little Daughter (of Methodist minister)—Mamma, have we got to move again this year?

Mamma—Yes, dear.

"I think it's a shame!"

"Hush, child. We should learn to look upon it as the Lord's will."

"Is the Lord going to send papa away to that nasty little town I heard you talking about?"

"You mustn't talk that way, dear. If the Lord sends us there, it is all for the best."

(After some moments of solemn cogitation) "Well, if I ever see the Lord I'm going to tell him what I think about it, anyhow!"

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"You look surprised, sir?" said the student,

"So did Balaam!" was the doctor's sharp reply.

Links of Circumstance



AM going to that auction."

"Barbara!"

"I never did visit a 'vendew,' and the grocer urged me."

"You never will, I hope."

"He was quite enthusiastic in his sympathy over the poor little woman who's to be 'sold out.'"

"You're wasting yours. People needn't have 'vendews' unless they wish."

"Mistake. These unfortunate neighbors are not indulging in this luxury from choice. Think of it. If all our household stuff had to be set out for the inquisitive to criticise and haggle over. It would about kill one."

"If you go there, Bab, you'll do some foolish thing. We have no money to waste on second-hand furniture. Besides, this cottage is full now."

"Oh, I'll not buy an article! I—think. But I'm curious to see how such affairs are conducted. Good-bye."

Barbara left the room with decision, and Mrs. Betts sighed as she rose from the lunch table.

Kathryn laughed. "Why protest, mother? When my sister sets out to make a fool of herself she generally succeeds."

"Humph! She could not 'make a fool of herself,' child. I'd like to know what would become of us but for her energetic character."

"Ah, well!" Kathryn pushed back, lazily, managing to get her chair into admirable focus for reflecting her pretty self in the mirror opposite, and fell to reading a novel. An hour later, a tap on the window aroused her.

"For goodness sake! Barbara Betts!"

"Yes," definantly.

"What in the world?"

"Where's mother?"

She was at the door, instantly, despite her lameness.

"Why, Barbara, my daughter! what are you doing with that creature?"

"Leading it. It isn't a creature. It's a steed."

"Whose?"

"Mine."

"Yours! Have you—bought—a—horse?"

"It belongs to that race. The 'vandew' folks called it 'the goat.'"

"And you went to that auction to—buy—a—horse!"

"No. I went for fun This represents fun and, sympathy combined in one beautiful form. Isn't it sweet?"

"It's hideous. You're jesting. It can't—be yours."

"It is. My very own. I love it already; the first living thing which ever belonged to me."

"Well! Where will you get the money to pay for it?"

"It's paid for; and the halter was thrown in. That cost nothing."

"How could you pay for it?"

"Easily."

"The price?"

"Eighteen dollars."

"You bought a horse for eighteen dollars?"

"Yes. If you've looked at her all you wish I'll put her in the stable."

Mrs. Betts sank into a chair, gasping. Kathryn arose and closed the door.

"We should never have taken this house, mother. Then it wouldn't have happened."

"I should like to learn the connection between this house and that—horse."

"There's a stable to this cottage, you know. Bab has been tormented with schemes for utilizing it. She says its the first stable she ever paid rent for and its emptiness reproached her. Let us be thankful it wasn't a cow—to be milked."

"H'm. It's such a horrible-looking thing; and she has nothing to make it comfortable."

"I suppose they nickn amed it 'goat' on account of it's size. It isn't much bigger than Bab."

"It looks very old."

"About her age, too. Thirty, if a day."

"Here she comes. She looks perfectly happy, yet I—eighteen dollars—disgrace— Well, Barbara, what next?"

"A blanket and some feed. I'm going down the street after them."

"The animal must be returned. We cannot be bothered."

"Mother, don't get worried. She is mine. Her name is Flora. I hope you will be considerate of her feelings. She has been a household pet. Her mistress cried at parting, and I invited her to call."

"Why, of course. Another link," murmured Kathryn, softly.

Bab went out of the yard, down the street. Her slight figure was girlish in its activity, her dark eyes beautiful, and her mouth—well, under some circumstances, it might have been sweet. At that moment it looked what the grocer called "sot."

She went into the harness shop. "I want a horse blanket. Not the largest size."

"Yes, miss. For night, or day use?"

"I don't—know. For the stable."

"Then this sort. Here some others, for the street. Very nice. Like to look at them?"

"Do I need two kinds?"

"In this weather, a horse certainly requires blanketing after driving. But of course, you know that."

"No. I know nothing. I am just setting up an establishment."

"So? Been buying recently?"

"At the auction, to-day."

"Which horse?"

"The little one. The pet."

The dealer smiled. "I should think these cheap blankets were about the pattern for such an animal."

Barbara's temper flashed. "I will take one of each. The proper size. This blue and gray one will be becoming, I think." Her manner, as she paid the ten dollars which Flora's costumes cost, implied: "The horse is mine. She has become a dignified member of society."

"I'll send these right away."

"Do so, please. Where is the feed store?"

As she left the first shop she "did" a little mental problem. "A women bought a horse for eighteen dollars, a night blanket for two and a half and a street blanket for seven; how much did she pay for the horse? Answer: Her new winter coat. Was the woman satfied? She was."

Then she crossed the street, ruminating.

"I haven't the least idea what a horse requires, except hay. But I won't be mean. H'm! I want to buy some—er—horse provision."

"Yes, madam."

"I'll take—I'll take twenty-five pounds of hay and ten of oats."

"Eh? Beg pardon! I didn't quite undertand."

Barbara repeated her statement distinctly.

"Yes; but we don't sell in that way. Hay by the hundred weight. Feed by the bag or bushel."

"Indeed?" The merchant looked honest. She resolved to trust him. "I have never owned a horse before. Please give me a little information. I shall appreciate it."

So did the seller of oats, and Miss Betts left his establishment with the price of a gown to swell the sum in addition.

Flora was "in clover." She held up her venerable head and looked her new mistress so gratefully in the eye that Bab's heart melted within her.

"You precious animal! I believe you are almost human! But how you do eat! I suppose you've been half starved. Never mind. You shall have all you want, If I go without myself. Good-night, Flora! Pleasant dreams!"

Did she actually hug the creature? Elderly maidens, not fully appreciated by their families, sometimes do eccentric things. Be that as it may, Miss Betts went into the house and bandaged her wrist, where an ugly bruise called for gibing comment from Kathryn.

"I do believe that beast has bitten you."

"Well, if she has, she hasn't yet learned to understand kindness."

"Oh, I thought she was a family pet?"

There was no reply.

Barbara visited the stable four time s that night. She was there when the breakfast bell rang, and she was not in quite her usual dainty trim when she appeared at table.

"I've been getting things in order. I'll not be so late again."

"Shades of Araby! I wish you'd postpone you stable visits till after you've visited your family," observed the younger sister, sniffling.

"Children!"

"Yes, mother. But, Bab, what are you going to do with Miss Flora, now you have her?"

"I—I'm going to buy a saddle and ride. She has a delightful motion, they tell me."

"Barbara Betts! how are you to pay for all this extravagance?"

"Out of my own allowance."

The tone admitted of no further comment.

When they left the breakfast-room Mrs. Betts said, rather wistfully.

"Now that we have a horse, I almost wish we had—a wagon."

Flora's mistress was inclined to resent the "we have," but a glance motherward checked the tendency. On the walk to the mail her saddle was metamorphosed into a harness and phaeton, with robes.

"It must be second-hand, to match the horse. I saw such advertised. I'll buy that outfit."

She did. The next day she harnessed Flora and invited Mrs. Betts to ride. Flora earned her title of "goat" by capering around in a frantic manner, which ended in the severing of straps and the overturning of the vehicle. This culmination of her playfulness was reached at a most favorable point—in front of the harness shop.

The master came out and rescued the ladies.

"If I were allowed to offer suggestion, I should say 'first learn to harness.' The reasons why this broke are that it is on wrong, and it is worn out."

Barbara Betts was sensible. She always followed good advise. She bought a new harness on the spot and ordered a new phaeton for the morrow, bartering her second-hand outfit as (slightly) partial payment. That night she wrote in her diary:

Item—One horse	Cost—One winter coat.
" Blankets	" Two pairs shoes.
" Harness	" Two bonnets.
" Phæton, etc	" A new Cyclopedia.
Provender	" Travel, confect., sundries.

Payment received: Something belonging exclusively (?) to myself; some labor; a little fun. Equation proves.

Said Kathryn, some three months later:

"Bab, I should think you might let me drive that beast once in a while. Here we've had a horse all this time, and I've not ridden once behind it. I suppose I've no right to complain, but—if I had a sister and a horse, I'd bring the two into some sort of agreeable connection or I'd set myself up for a model of selfishness.

"H'm! Would you really ride behind the despised 'goat?'"

"Since she's bean 'clipped' she seems to have regained her youth. She's almost coltish."

"But would you?—do you mean it?"

"If I had a chance."

"In the beginning I made a resolution that nobody, save myself, should ever drive Flora."

"Break it."

"I never break a vow. There is one other way out of the difficulty. I'll take it to prove I'm not as selfish as you think."

Kathryn smiled graciously and resumed her embroidery, but that afternoon she was invited to a drive.

"Leaving mother at home?"

"Taking mother with us!"

"I don't understand."

"Look out of the window."

There stood Flora appearing very gay and youtbful in a new russet harnoss, before a two seated buckboard.

"My sake! the whole turnout is a symphony in browns! How swell! And—whose?"

"Mine. Will you go?"

"Won't I?"

"Barbara, my daughter! Have you mortgaged all your small fortune to this horse?" demanded Mrs. Betts, as Flora gayly skimmed over the ground with three admiring women behind her.

"Aunt Mary's little legacy has gone into this rig!"

"Oh, then, you'll have nothing left to sacrifice."

"Only myself."

"You'll be sold next." Or Flora, to pay for herself."

"If she is I will be. Whoever takes one must the other."

"It is clear infatuation and—ruin."

"It is pure affection."

"Stuff."

When the drive was over Miss Barbara had a visitor. This was unusual. The more so, that the visitor was a gentleman. The maid ran out to the stable where Bab was putting Flora to bed, and announced, "There's a man wants to see you, miss."

All the male acquaintances she had formed since coming to Belleville were connected with Flora's—or the family's requirements. This was probably the "feed man," with another bill. The young woman's lips took on their most soft expression.

"Well, I'm completely bankrupt. But Flora shall not starve, if I do. Her appetite, though, is something frightful. However, send the fellow out here."

Flora was never allowed to retire except in the trimmest order, with mane in "crimps" and every hair exact. Miss Barbara did not relax in her attentions for so slight a thing as a call and probable dun. Her face was grim and eyes averted till a masculine footfall and "Ahem!" compelled consideration.

Then she did look up, indeed, and screamed, "Oh, my—you!"

"Great Cæsar, Barbara! You? Are you the woman who bought my sister's horse?"

"This is my horse. I do not know your sister," coldly.

She had instantly rallied from her agitation.

"But, beg pardon, you do. She was this animal's owner, obliged to part with it after her husband's failure. I just got back from the mines—South America—and heard it. I am trying to recover her scattered household goods. This beast, I suppose, was one of them. I came to buy it, but how should I dream that 'Miss Betts' was my Miss Betts—my Barbara! After ten years of waiting, darling! I take all the blame. I was hot-tempered and unjust. I should have remembered how firm you always were."

"No; I'm an old maid now, and they call me 'sot.'"

Flora's would-be purchaser walked in and closed the stable door behind him.

"Well, of all things!" exclaimed Mrs. Betts, from her point of view. "If Barbara were younger——"

"It's all right, mother. The maid says that the gentleman is the brother of Flora's first mistress."

After some time Bab came in, the stranger with her.

"Mother, do you remember Mr. Craydon? I used to know him at the university."

The lady's memory failed, but she accepted the statement without comment. Not so quietly, however, that which followed: "And I've sold Flora."

"Sold—Flora! Impossible! How could you?"

"Because—because I go with the horse." — Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Intense Female—"Oh! but don't you seem to pine for the days of old, when there was some excitement—and fighting?"

The Major General—"Well, not so much now I'm married."

The following story is going the rounds of the press: "The country editor is a reliable encyclopedia. A subscriber sent him this query recently: 'What ails my hens? Every morning I find one or more of them keeled over to rise no more.' The reply was: 'The fowls are dead. It is an old complaint, and nothing can be done except to bury them.'"

Washington . . . Letter



SECRETARY Wilson's report on Senator Lodge's resolution, which was adopted by the Senate, asking for full information as to best sugar and what, if any, foreign sugars it comes in competition with, and what effect if any, the importation of Hawaiian sugars has or could have upon the best sugar production of the United States, is expected to knock out one of the arguments which have been used by the sugar trust lobby to make certain Senators, whose states are large and increasing producers of sugar beets, doubtful of the policy of annexation, by showing that no injury to the best sugar interests of this country will, or possibly can follow the annexation of Hawaii. It is not surprising that Senators should have been temporarily caught by the specious arguments of the agents of the sugar trust against annexation, because of the injury it might do the sugar beet industry in this country. Secretary Wilson was himself once doubtful on the subject because he believed annexation might injure the American beet growers, but investigation convinced him that it would not, and his facts on the subject will convince the Senators who have doubts. There are hourly contradictatory stories around Washington as to the attitude of Senators towards the annexation treaty but Senator Davis, who is in charge of the treaty, is still confident that it will be ratified with votes to spare.

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Senator Wolcott's speech bears out Senator Chandler's recent statement that President McKinley does not regard as final the efforts made by the Commission which visited Europe in behalf of international bimetallism, and that he does not regard their failure to get England committed as ending all hope for an international agreement. Senator Wolcott believes that the visit of the Commission to Europe materially advanced the idea of international bimetallism, and that it will yet become an accomplished fact.

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Attorney General McKenna's nomination to the Supreme Court would have been confirmed last week had not Senator Allen seen in it an opportunity to secure a little notoriety for himself. When Senetor Hoar presented the report of the Judiciary Committee in favor of Judge McKenna and asked that a vote be taken, Senator Allen was the only objector and he consumed four hours in making it plain that his only object was to draw public attention to himself. He first asked for a postponement of two weeks, but was in the end satisfied to get the vote postponed until Friday, January 21st. There is nothing uncertain about Judge McKenna's confirmation. At the outside, there isn't likely to be more than six votes cast in opposition, and it is possible that there will be none.

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Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a National Military Park, at Appomattox, Va., and for the erection of a Peace monument upon the spot where the agreement to cease hostilities was executed. There are several bills of this nature, including that providing for making a National Military Park of the Vicksburg battlefield, and the general sentiment in Congress is favorable to them, but they are all likely to be shut out at this session under the general rule that no bill carrying an appropriation for a new project shall be passed by the House, until the receipts of the government exceed its expenditures.

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Notwithstanding the use of a whole week in the discussion of civil service matters, the House has made a good business record since the reassembling of Congress. It has passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, the Urgency Deficiency Appropriation Bill and the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, and is now considering the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill.

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Whatever may be the personal opinion of President McKinley as to the justness of the damages awarded to British subjects for losses alleged to have been sustained by reason of our seizure of their sealing vessels in Behring sea, by the Arbitration Commission acting under the treaty of 1896, he knows that we are in honor bound to pay them, so he has sent a special message to Congress, urging the early appropriation of $473,151.25, in order that they may be paid and the matter closed.

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The reports brought to Washington by trustworthy men do not square with the claims of the silver Democrats as to the increase of silver sentiment. On the contrary, they show a heavy decrease in silver sentiment. For instance, Ex-Senator Moody, of South Dakota, says of his State: "Though Bryan carried the State in 1896, by a slender majority, he will never be able to do so again. A good wheat crop and great gold productions have knocked Bryanism out in South Dakota, which is now third in output of the yellow metal, and its resources in this line are only in the early stages of development. With the advent of prosperity, the agitation over free silver has subsided."

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Inasmuch as Consul General Lee can have one or more U. S. warships in Havana harbor within six hours after he deems their presence necessary, the administration has not been worrying over the yellow journal war scares of the last few days.

TO-DAY'S ECLIPSE.

When the sun rises for us to-day the great astronomical event of the year, the solar eclipse, about which astronomere have been talking for months past, will have taken place, and those who have gone to India to observe it will be exchanging congratulations, let us hope, over one of the most successful pieces of eclipse work that have ever been accomplished. This should be the case, certainly, if the weather shall prove propitious, since the circumstances of the eclipse are peculiarly favorable for the observations, while the preparations that have been made taking them are in no respect inferior and in many particulars are superior to any that have before been made for a like purpose.

This eclipse will not be visible in any part of America, but it will be visible as a total or partial eclipse over the greater part of the eastern continents. The path of totality, which is about fifty-seven miles wide, begins in Central Africa, in the Congo Free State, crosses the Arabian Sea, enters India about 150 miles south of Bombay, and passing thence in a northeasterly direction through Hindustan and China, ends near the southern boundary of Sibera. The eclipse begins January 22 at 4.46 A. M., Greenwich time, or January 21 at 11.46 P. M., Philadelphia time—at which hour the sun is rising in Central Africa—and ends January 22 at 9.53 A. M., Greenwich time, an hour at which the clock with us indicates 4.53 A. M., while in the northeastern part of China the sun is setting The greatest duration of totality at any one station will be 2 minutes 19.4 seconds.

The most favorable stations for observing the eclipse are to be found in India, where the total phase will occur at about midday, when the sun is in the very best position for observing. All of the eclipse expeditions whose movements have been reported will select or have selected stations at various points along the centre of the path of totality in this country.

The English observers hold the most conspicous place on this occasion, though America will be represented by Professor Campbell, who leads a party from the Lick Observatory, the expenses of which are borne by Regent C. F. Crocker, of the University of California. Among the English observers will be Sir Norman Lockyer, who heads one of the three expeditions sent out by the Joint Committee of the Royal and Royal Astronomical Societies; Mr. W. H. M. Christie, the Astronomer Royal; Professor Turner, of the Oxford Observatory; Mr. Newall, representing Cambridge; Dr. Copeland, the Astronomor Royal of Scotland; Dr. Michie Smith, of the Madras Observatory, and Mr. A. A. Common, well know through the photographic work done at his private observatory at Ealing.

Professor Lockyer, who is accompanied by his son, Mr. W. J. S. Lockyer, and Mr. A. Fowler, has been given the use of a government vessel, as on the occasion of the eclipse of August 9, 1896, when he led a party to Norway. He will be stationed on the coast, at a point midway between Ratnagiri and Viziadurg. The other parties will be stationed at various points inland, the northernmost point selected being near Buxar, on the Ganges, Professor Campbell also will be stationed somewhere on this interior line, at a point not selected at last accounts. It is hoped that by distributing the observing thus along the line some 900 miles in length, diminishing the chances of failure through bad weather, at some of the many stations, if not at all, splendid results may be obtained.

The work doue will be almost entirely photographic. While everything observable during an eclipse will be observed, and in a way which experience has shown to be the best; special attention will be given to to the corona, which is now the only solar feature that cannot be studied at any other time than during a total eclipse. Describing this mysterious solar appendage Sir Robert Ball says:

"On the occasion of a total eclipse of the sun the margin of the luminary is found to be surrounded with a spreading extent of pearl-colored light known as the corona. This is very variable in form. Sometimes the corona is comparatively uniform around the various parts of the margin of the solar disc. On other occasions vast projections are seen, extending at times to distances as much twice the sun's diameter. Indeed, in certain cases the projections are far longer still..... During recent eclipses the precious minutes have been utilized (for studying this solar feature) to the utmost advantage. Not only have careful eye-observations been made of the outlines of the corona and of the brightness of its several parts, but it has been photographed with considerable success, while the spectroscope has been invoked for the purpose of discovering the materials of which this strange solar envelope is composed."

As to the nature of the conora there is a variety of opinions among astronomers. All hold it to be a true append-

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age of the sun. Professor Schaeberle has been led by his observations to the theory that corona is probably due to light reflected from streams of matter ejected from the sun. Another theory advanced by Professor Bigelow is that the coronal matter consists of material driven away from the sun by electrical repulsion. That this matter, whatever it is, is partly self-luminous and shines parly by reflected light has been shown by the polariscope, while the spectroscope has shown that it is partly gaseous. The green "coronal line," first seen by Professor Young, has been found to be double, and has lately been identified with a line in the spectrum of the newly discovered gas argon.

Another matter to which careful attention will be directed is what has been called by Professor Young the "reversing layer." Young holds that the gases and mental vapors that envelop the sun and give rise to the dark Fraunhofer lines which crossing the sun's spectrum are all situated at a low level in the sun's atmosphere, forming the lower stratum of the "chromosphere"--the gaseous shell which incloses the sun, and which becomes visible at the time of a total eclipse as a rose-colored ring, surrounding the dark moon and out of which rise the solar prominences. Lockyer holds, in opposition to Young, that there is evidence that these gases lie at various levels, and that there is no single layer of the sun's atmosphere, which is entitled to be specially distinguished as a "reversing layer." The the matter can be settled by spectrum photographs taken at precisely the right instant—the instant of the "flash," when the last slender thread of the sun's light disappears, and suddenly the dark lines in the spectrum are replaced by bright lines. The main object of Lockyer's expedition is to take the photographs necessary for deciding this point, and for this purpose prismatic cameras of six and nine inches aperture will be employed. The point is an important one in its bearing on Lockyer's theory that in the intensely hot atmosphere of the sun many of the chemical elements, for instance, iron, are "dissociated," or reduced to simpler forms.

One of the instruments which have been provided by the British Astronomical Association for attacking this eclipse, and one which is new in the equipment of an eclipse expedition, is a kinematograph. The instrument is described as a pomerful one, which will take five or six photographs a second. Should this instrument give successful results, the most complete series of photographs ever procured in an eclipse will be obtained, and should throw invaluable light on the question of stability of change in the corona.

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POLITY AND POLICY.

The dictionary tells us one is the form of government and the other the art of government, and particularly as applied to churches. Two items of "news" which have been going the rounds of the press turned our thoughts in this direction. They are as follows:

Rev. Alfred Smith, pastor of Wesley Church, Dover, made the following statement in a recent sermon, relative to the capital of Delaware: "During my ministry, which has covered a period of twenty years, six of which were spent in the presiding elder's office, I have never seen a place where there is so much worldliness as there is in the town of Dover." This statement was made in a sweeping condemnation of church members becoming] members of clubs in which card-playing and pool are prominent features. The club members are, of course, on the warpath.

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The denunciation of the Kent Club by members of Wesley Church will cause that church to lose $1,000, which sum a prominent citizen of Dover had intended to give to the church on the occasion of its rededication, next month. He will save the money for some church whose members do not deride the Kent Club.

We do not wish to have a finger in the Dover pie but the situation is suggestive. There must be considerable feeling over the matter, judging from the communications in the papers published in Dover and the correspondence in the Wilmington dailies. It may be true that the people of Dover are "worldly" above their fellows but we scarcely think it true that "a prominent citizen" or any other citizen able to give $1000 to the improvements of a church, or half that sum, would feel constrained to withhold his aid from a permanent improvement merely because of a difference of opinion as to the influences of a club. A minister in the pulpit and out of it has an advantage and often makes undue use of it. In the pulpit he cannot be answered and out of it he may use his ministerial cloak to prejudice the people without being called to account. We are glad to say we believe it is the exception to abuse the ministerial privileges, and a free press to-day would not long suffer such a condition.

But our thoughts are of the polity and policy of the churches of to-day towards amusements. Which amusements are harmful? Which are harmless? It is not our province to answer, but we believe for the numerical and spiritual growth of the church there is no more important question to be considered, and the pulpit should answer the question. It should be discussed in a liberal manner and not with prejudice.

To the church of our choice, the M. E. Church, we think this question of amusements especially appeals. It is reported that Bishop Walden at the Conference in Chestertown last Spring said of this and other matters relating to the polity of the church, that "those not in accord with the M. E. Church can get on the outside where there is plenty of room." But does the M. E. Church want this? To-day churches are built with parlors and kitchens when but just a few decades since a musical instrument was "a factor of the devil." The church parlor and the church kitchen are soul inspiring if not soul saving instruments. They are good. The great Salvation Army has pushed its way to popular favor by feeding the hungry body and then appealing to the hungry soul. The times have changed and may not the rigid rules of the M. E. Church upon amusements be too severe to-day? An enforcement of the rules means a separation of parents and children in church attendance. It means that the M. E. Church shall be the recruiting ground for other churches, not from proselyting but from the difference of views in the matter of conscience as to harmless and harmful amusements. To sing Psalms is good but the most conscientious christian does not want to sing Psalms always—not while a resident of earth at least. Let faith and common sense combine to teach the way so that the church may in no way way lose in power, influence or members.

MR. CLEVELAND had a surplus in the treasury during his first administration which was then a source of great trouble to the free trade papers. It was the result of Republican protection, and a Republican administration would have used it in payment on the national debt. Not so with Cleveland. He hoarded it in the treasury to force a political issue. Mr. Cleveland had a second administration unfortunately, and more unfortunately it was under a Democratic tariff. Mr. Cleveland had seen trouble over a full treasury but he saw more trouble over an empty one. The country has not known a worse period of depression, want and suffering than the four years of Cleveland under a Democratic tariff. We now have a Republican tariff and already the surplus in the treasury is growing larger. Soon the payments, so long ceased, will be resumed upon the public debt. Factories so long closed are open and there is plenty of work, yet the Democratic press is not happy. The strikes in a few factories in the north which come in competition, not with foreign goods, but with the more advantageous factories of the south, are giving the Democratic press a text. They say, "Behold the Dingley tariff" when tariff has nothing to do with home competition and when strikes come only in good times. These are facts and no man can gainsay them.

THAT the Wilmington "Sun" is senrational in its revelations as to the Boggs matter goes without saying; that it has failed in its predictions as to the return of ex-Teller Boggs all know, but that it has "hit the mark" in its connecting the very doubtful mthods of certain unsavory Democrats with Mr. Bogga' downfall, is also apparent. To counteract that condemnation which a just people irrespective of politics feel for them they have found an unsigned letter in the gutters of Dover purporting to be from the "Sun" office instrucring the reporter to make his letters "stronger." Drowning men verily catch at straws.

EXPENSE OF NEW LAWS.

The General Assembly having appointed a legal committee to suggest measures for making the present State laws conform to the New Constitution has adjourned for the week—until Monday next. This is very good. They named Messrs. W. T. Lynum of Wilmington, John B. Pennington, of Dover, and Charles F. Richards, of Georgetown as their legal advisers. It would have been far better had this commission been named last May before adjournment—better provided the commission would have done their work during the interval, which might or might not have been done owing to the proverbial tardiness of attorneys. Upon this and the matter of expense the Dover Index says editorially:

"It was of course necessary after a new constitution had been proclaimed and the fundamental law of a State thereby changed, to revise the statute laws in order that they conform to the new constitution, and also to enact whatever new laws should be necessary to make it effective. To meet this necessity the General Assembly adjourned to meet again on January, 11th, 1898, a thing, by the away, very seldom done in this State, and then only in cases of the greatest uecessity. Shortly after the meeting of this adjourned session a committee of three lawyers was appointed to draft and revise whatever laws should in their judgment be necessary to make the work of the Constitutional Convention effective. No one seems to have any idea how long it will take to do this, even the members of the committee do not. These laws will have to be drawn with great care and accuracy. It cannot be done in a few days. It may and probably will take weeks. This committee which is to be paid by the people of the State should have every reasonable advantage and convenience which can be afforded them. Above all they should not be hampered by a limited amount of time in which to complete their labors. Now what are the members of the Legislature to do while this work is going on? Are they to come to Dover every Monday morning, adjourn on Tuesday evening until the following Monday morning at ten o'clock, and draw pay for a full week's work? This is a question for every thinking tax payer in the State of Delaware to answer for himself. Or would it not be better for them to adjourn for six weeks or two months, during which time the committee could have completed its labors, and the work of passing upon what has been done could go on without interruption. This unnecessary delay is of equal importance to every citizen of this State. Probably some one will say general legislative work can be taken up. Have not the people of this State been able to procure all the legislation necessary at the biennial session without having to resort to this one, and beside the Legislature will be with us again next winter at which time they can have their bills acted upon. If this can be done at the regular sessions why should unnecessary expense be incurred by keeping the members here when the time necessary for them to belin session could be very much shortened. Let the members of the Legislature consider this before saddling this outrage upon the State."

THE members of the General Assembly have some fun anceering to do because of the provisions of the New Constitution. Of one of them the Dover "Index" says: "One of these provisions is that the General Assembly must provide for the payment of one hundred thousand dollars annually, for the improvement of our free schools in addition to the income from investments already devoted to that purpose.

The investments, the income of which was at the time of the promulgation of the new constitution made the public school fund consist of shares in the Farmers' Bank, the Union Bank, the Delaware Bank, the Bank of Smyrna, loan to Sussex county, mortgage upon the P. W. and B. Railroad Company, and the fees from marriage and tavern licenses.

The income from those investments for the present school year amounted to the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

The new constitution now provides for the payment of one hundred thousand additional, which would make the school fund amount to the sum of about two hundred and thirty thousand dollars a year, taking the presnt school year as an average."

CENTURY CLUBS.

In the Federation of Century Clubs of Delaware, organized in Wilmington on Wednesday, certainly the "new woman" of Middletown and St. Georges Hundred does not want to be left out. If we understand the object of the Clubs it is the widening of the opportunities for women, especially in literature and art. The occasion was the Ninth Anniversary of the Century Club of Wilmington, celebrated by the organization of the State Federation of Clubs. All except the one in Wilmington are of recent birth. Dover has two clubs—the Century and the Shakespeare; Georgetown, Newark, Bridgeville and Felton each one. Certainly Middletown should not be behind her sisters in this new and advanced work.

Last summer a lady who spends much time here spoke of her experience in a New England town where the "Congressman's wife and her washerwoman met on equal terms socially in the literary club of the town," and the speaker commended the idea since the "washerwoman's views upon the latest books and magazine articles were as critical and as suggestive as others." This is democratic and beautiful in theory; why not in practice? We know not the conditions for membership in the Century Clubs but we know Middletown, or perhaps better St. Georges Hundred, s'ould have one.

LITERARY NOTES.

Garrett P. Serviss, one of the best-known American mountain-climbers, writes in Harper's Round Table of the charm of this outdoor sport. "It is not necessary," he says, "to seek very lofty or difficult summits, or to travel in Mexico or to the Alps, or even to our Rockies, in order to enjoy this exhilarating sport, which strengthens the muscles, steadies the nerves, and clears the brain. . . . I remember an unpretentious peak on the southern edge of the White Mountains, unknown to fame except among the farmers and villagers at its feet, which, with a single exception, was the first mountain I ever climbed. When I reached its summit, only some two thousand feet above the sea-level, there opened before my astonished and fascinated eyes a vision of tumbled mountains on one side, and green plains glittering with winding lakes on the other—a view so apparently illimitable and so wonderful in the diversity and strangeness of its elements that I seemed to have dropped upon another world."

Colonel Higginson, in an article in this week's Harper's Bazar, apropos of the indiscriminate giving of Christmas presents, says:

"All through the land the plaintive notes of the victims of Christmas are proceeding from darkened bedrooms and from sofa-pillows in otherwise hushed boudoirs, vainly calling upon an aggrived people, and especially upon an exhausted sex, to come back to the paths of reason and moderation. It is not because of the Christmas dinner, for that is long since digested, well or ill, but it is the result of a far more prolonged and less remediable class of symptoms, all coming from one cause, the abuse, of the kindly practice of Christmas presents. When we see the vast labor that has come to be bestowed on these, and the long catalogue of ills that follow, one is tempted to wish that chimneys could be made Santa-Claus-proof, as they are already made rat-proof; and one almost sympathizes with good old Samuel Sewall, who resisted the very introduction of Christmas festivities, and expresses his rejoicing in his diary: 'The Shops were open, and Carts came to Town with Wood, Hoop-poles, Hay, etc., as at other Times. Being a pleasant day, the street was filled with Cart and Horses (1722)."

Messrs. Harper & Brothers will publish the following books on February 4th; "The Lion of Janina," by Maurus Jokai; "The Sack of Monte Carlo," by Walter Frith; "The Fight for the Crown," by W. E. Norris; "The Red-Bridge Neighborhood," by Maria Louise Pool, and "Ribstone Pippins," by "Maxwell Gray." The last two are stories of village life—the one in New England, the other in Devonshire, Old England; "The Lion of Janina" is a strong picture of Turkish atrocities at the first war of Greek Independence; "The Sack of Monte Carlo" is a bold fancy cleverly made to seem quite reasonable, and "The Fight for the Crown" is a novel of society and politics.

Harper's Round Table for February contains, besides liberal instalments of the two serials, "Four for a Fortune," by Albert Lee, and "The Adventurers," by H. B. Marriot Watson, the following short stories: "The Carrier-Pigeon's Message," a detective story by Lamar Beaumont; "The House of the Prodigal Sons;" by Harold Martin; "Max, the Night City Boy," by Thomas W. Lamont, and "A Warm Corner in Sooloo," by Owen Hall. There are also papers on "Baits, and Where to find them," by Samuel Sidney Hale; "Book-making in the Middle Ages," by G. T. Ferris; and a fully illustrated description, by Dudley D. F. Parker, of how a boy can build a "Knock-about" for cruising in shoal water.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1896.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Benjamin Butterworth, United States Commissioner of Patents, died at Thomasville, Georgia, Sunday. He was sixty years of age, and was serving as Commissioner of Patents for the second time, having held the position under President Arthur. He spoke at the Middletown Opera House in the Fall of 1894 and was very entertaining.

Very little time was lost by the Senate in disposing of the Lodge bill, which is generally known as the Immigration bill, because it is intended to properly restrict immigration to this country. The measure was passed by the Senate and is now in the House, and if that body uses as commendable promptness as did the Senate the bill should become a law without much delay. Like every other measure of this character, the Lodge bill is not without its opponents, but the fact is that its provisions have never been rightly understood by many of those who have been making the attacks which for a time frustrated the efforts of its supporters. There is no desire or intention on the part of anyone to violate one of the greatest principles of our ancestors—that America should be an asylum for the free and oppressed of every clime. With the exception of the Chinese, the Lodge bill guarantees admittance to this country to people of every nation on earth who are intelligent, law abiding and industrious, but at the same time prevents the immigration of the ignorant, lazy, filthy scum which on more occasion in recent years have incited to riot, caused bloodshed and afforded aid and encouragement to corporations and others who desired to grind down, humiliate and oppress the American laborer. The present bill is practically identical with that vetoed by President Cleveland during his last term in office, but safe to predict that if the House concurs in the Senate's action, President McKinley will at once affix his signature and a measure of relief afforded the country the consummation of which has been delayed only too long.

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DELAWARE COLLEGE PAPERS.

BY A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY.

Many students who are able to make nice distinctions as to details of English speech and writing are, oddly enough, quite unable to say their minds on paper with clearness, directness and simplicity. Indeed many a youth who knows to a nicety the exact form of addressing and closing a letter, seems quite unable to discover where one sentence ends and another begins. This condition is doubtless the result, first, of the fact that young minds grasp and keep more easily concrete facts and details than abstract principles, and secondly, of the fact that English composition as ordinarily taught seems to be concerned less with general principles than with minute details. For example young men come to college filled to the brim with nice notions as to the propriety of writing, 2d and 3d rather than 2nd and 3rd, and with critical opinion as to other details, but with no true skill in even the simplest form of English composition.

Now valuable and necessary as is a knowledge of nice details, a student will never learn to write English by mastery of such things, nor is he likely to acquire such skill by memorizing a multitude of rules. If the rules of composition are to be practically useful to a young writer he must first master the principles that lie behind the rules, and learn to assign each rule to its underlying principle.

One of the best recent books on the art of writing the the English tongue is Prof. Barrett Wendell's "English Composition," and its chief merit lies in its clear and simple statement of a few broad principles. Prof. Wendell recognizes three principles of style, unity, mass, and coherence, and three qualities of style, clearness, force and elegance. Now it would, of course, be vain for teachers in most of our public and other preparatory schools to attempt in teaching composition to deal with all these principles and all these qualities. It is possible, however, to single out what is immediately essential in these principles and qualities and to teach those essentials to fairly intelligent boys of fourteen, fifteen or sixteen.

Leaving aside all the principles but coherence, and all the qualities but clearness, the teacher should explain that clearness is such a mode of expression as shall make plain the meaning of the writer, and that coherence, the most important principle for the promotion of clearness, means such an arrangement of words in sentences, sentences in paragraphs and paragraphs in whole compositions, as shall make it impossible for any reader to mistake the relation of the parts. It is well to teach the subject of coherehce, because it is much more easily grasped than either unity or mass, and because it underlies very many of those perplexing rules of composition that bewilder the student. Once make a student understand that a sentence is coherent when every part is in its right place, and the student, if he be fairly well trained in English Grammar, and especially in that part of English Grammar which has to do with the analysis of sentences, will soon learn to recognize and correct in his own work and that of others, incoherent sentences.

Any boy that knows his English Grammar, knows for example, that adverbs and adverbial phrases qualify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs. When he learns that the principle of coherence requires that a word or phrase be placed as near as possible to the word or phrase it qualifies or relates to, he has the key to the proper management of adverbs and their equivalent phrases, and his sentences need not lack clearness from the misplacing of such parts of speech. Knowing what adjectives and adjective phrases qualify, and what coherence requires as to the placing of all words and phrases, he has also the key to the management of the adjective and equivalent phrases. Generalizing he knows the principle that must govern in the management of pronouns, prepositions and all such parts of speach as are closely dependent upon or related to other parts of speech in composition.

The student who has learned thus much of coherence and its relation to clearness will be able to tell at a glance wherein lies the error in such sentences as, "I only paid three dollars for all those books," and can correct it by putting the adverb "only" where it belongs. When half a dozen sentences of the kind have been presented to the criticism of the class, sentences containing less obvious errors may be presented, and the teacher can soon develop in the pupils a critical faculty equal to the detection of extremely elusive errors. If along with incorrect sentences are presented sentences conspicuous for excellence in the matter of coherence, not only is the student's critical faculty sharpened, but his taste is educated, and his constructive powers are developed.

Delaware College.

The report of President George A. Harter, of Delaware College, for the year ending June 30th, 1897, shows the following statistics:

The balance on hand on July 1st, 1896, was $1,325.36. During the year $37,580 were received from the Federal government and $1,620.74 in fees and from other sources. The expenditures, were: Instruction, $17,355.19; administrative expenditures $7,105.45; Experiment Station, $15.000.

The value of all buildings is $79,700; other equipment, $48,061.60; buildings not used for instruction in the subjects specified in section 1 of act of August 30th, 1860, $11,400; other equipments, $3,000; total number of acres, 14; acres under cultivation, 4; acres used for experiments, 4; value of farm lands, $3,000, amount of all endowment funds, $83,000; number of bound volumes, June 30th, 1897, 8,500; pamphlets, 8,300.

During the year twelve teachers had charge of the collegiate and special classes, and the staff of the Experiment Station was composed of six persons. There were 35 students in the collegiate and special classes, and 42 in other departments.

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WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 17, 1898.

A Thoughtful Woman Says

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$1.25 English Tweed,	75c.
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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 22, 1898

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—Are you on to the Baby Stare? See Woman's column.

—New Upright Piano for sale cheap.
J. B. Messick.

—An interesting item of to-day's eclipse may be found on the outside.

For Sale—A well-bred young horse, cheap. J. C. Parker.

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—For Sale—Chestnut posts and rails. Apply to Richard Clayton, Cass street, Middletown, Del.

—House I now occupy for Rent. Possession December 1st. J. B. Messick.

—How to make small farms pay, is told on the fourth page with other interesting agricultural notes.

—Wanted.—Operators on Shirts. Apply to F. H. Burgess at Factory.

—Mr. Geo. D. Hall will remove his family to Dover on Monday where he is employed as cutter in the shirt factory.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Order United Workmen, will be held in Wilmington, February 8 and 9.

—For Rent.—One Dwelling on Main street and two in the rear.
Miss Fannie Shepherd.

—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury which tried Capt. Murphy in the Federal Court this week for running the blocade to Cuba.

—President McKinley's address at the Commercial Museum in Philadelphie was reported (by appointment) by a graduate of Goldey (Wil. Del.) Commercial and horthand. Send for Catalogue.

—Wilmington is said to be flooded with green goods circulars which are mailed at Allentown, Pa. Only the fool deals with such rogues.

Professional Card.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—The Democrats of St. Georges hundred will elect five delegates at Odessa, Saturday evening, January 29th, at 8 o'clock to attend the County Convention to revise the party rules.

—Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test, testimonials, prices, &c, address, J. W. LeGore, Woodsboro, Md.

—Mr. Thomas B. Smith, one of the best known business men of Wilmington, was stricken with paralysis on Thursday while in the Wilmington and Brandywine Bank. Mr. Smith died yesterday.

—For Sale.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at Transcript office.

—Andrew Wiggins, colored, was fined by Justice Reynolds this week for getting in a fight at the Middletown Hotel and "being knocked senseless by a blow with a heavy stick."

—P.T.E.Smith convicted some years since as a defaulter while cashier of the First National Bank of Wilmington, has served his sentence and returned to his Wilmington home this week where a hearty welcome awaited him.

—For Rent.—The property on Cass Street, Middletown, now occupied by Stephen Boyer. Large and roomy with all modern conveniences. Possession given March 25th. 1898. Address;
Mrs. Hardcastle,
Chesapeake City, Md.

—Dr. J. C. Stites entertained at tea on Thursday evening a number of his gentlemen friends. Messrs. John S. Crouch, Jesse L. Shepherd, Julian Cochran, Alex. M. Brown, W. A. Comegys, Alfred M. Chamberlaine and J. Gray Taylor were the guests on this occasion.

—Some one says, "From tailor's bills, doctor's pills, sudden chills and other ills—deliver us. For want of gold, wives that scold, maidens old and widows bold—deliver us. From seedy coats, protested notes, illegal votes and sinking boats—deliver us. From modest girls, with waving curls and teeth like pearls—well, never mind."

—The Volunteer Hose Company has issued invitations to its Eleventh Annual on Thursday, evening January, 27th, sitting down at 9 o'clock," individual cards of admission. These reunions are so popular and the pressure for admission so pressing that cards have been found necessary. There will be a "flow of wit and reason" after the more substantials. The Hose Company of 32 members is one of the institutions of which the town may well be proud and all are interested in their annuals.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c. and 25cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Maria Nowland is visiting relatives in Virginia.

—Mrs. Alexander Metten, of Fieldsboro was in town on Tuesday.

—Miss Myrtle Houston spent the day in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

—Miss Sadie Pharo is visiting friends in the City of Brotherly Love.

—Mrs. George G. Rowe and daughters were in the Quaker City this week.

—Clerk of the Peace J. B. Foard has been quite ill this week but is out again.

—Miss Margaret Gilpin, of Elkton, is visiting her brother, Dr. T. H. Gilpin.

—Mr. Samuel Kelley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents in town.

—Mr. C. F. Crocket was home from Philadelphia for a brief visit this week.

—Miss Mattie Lynch, of Warwick, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews.

—Mrs. C. B. Hoffecker and son, of South Broad St. are visiting Mrs. John Hoffecker in Wilmington.

—Miss Marian Cochran, of Elwyn, was at her father's, Mr. W. R. Cochran's, the early part of the week.

—Mr. Garret V. Pogue, of Colorado, spent several days this week with his uncle, Mr. A. G. Cox.

—Mr. Edward Draper, of Chestertown, Md., is visiting his parents at "Locust Lawn," near town.

—Miss Mary Appleton, of Wilmington, was a visitor on Saturday last at her aunt's, Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Donovan left town on Monday for an extended visit to Wilmington, Philadelphia and New York.

—Mr. James H. Burnham has exchanged with the operator at Bear Station, Mr. Burnham having left Wyoming a week since.

—Little Henrietta Prettyman, of Smyrna, but recently of Middletown, is quite ill with scarlet fever in Philadelphia, but at last reports was better.

—Miss Elizabeth Trites, of Balti more, spent several days in town this week, having been called here by the death of her aunt. Mrs. Mary Budd.

—Miss Blanche Wright, Miss Ada Cochran, Mr. W. R. Reynolds and Mr. Gayland Wright were in the city Wednesday evening attending the theatre.

—Mrs. Hannah Appleton, and daughter, Miss Belle Appleton, left to-day for Bethlehem, Pa., where they will visit Mrs. Appleton's sister, Mrs. Jacobson.

—Mrs. T. E. Lindley, of Eastyille, Va., who has been spending the past two weeks with relatives and friends in the town and vicinity, left today for home.

—Miss Adda Foard, from town, and Mrs Richard Foard, of Odessa, have been in Tappan, N. Y. the past week attending the nuptuals of Miss Flora Bean.

—Mr. James H. Budd spent Sunday last with his mother, Mrs. Matilda Budd, and attended the funeral of his grandmother Mrs. Mary Budd, near Sassafras.

—Miss Mollie Wilson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. D. Hearne, in Georgetown, and her cousins, the Misses Davis, in Milford, returned to Middletown this week.

—The "At Home" at "The Maples" on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lindley, of Eastville, and Misses Reynolds and Naudain, of Wilmington, was largely attended. Mrs. Willits and Miss Willits were honored by the largest society function of the season.

—A very enjoyable birthday party was given to Miss Ethel May Ginn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Ginn, at their residence on Cass street, on Thursday evening. The occasion was the anniversary of Miss Ethel's fifteenth birthday and was attended by a great many of her friends who passed a very pleasant evening enjoying music, games and refreshments. Miss Ethel was the recipient of many beautiful presents and expressed her gratitude in a becoming manner. At about eleven o'clock the happy guests departed wishing the hostess many more happy birthdays.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jolls gave a large dinner last Thursday afternoon, that will long be remembered by the participants. Four courses were served with an abundance of everything. The host and hostess did everything in their power to make it an enjoyable affair, which was duly returned by the pleasure expressed by the guests. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jolls and daughter, Miss Sallie, of Middletown; J. W. F. Cooper and wife, Mrs. Edward Jackson, W. P. Lindale, wife and daughter Miss Grace; Masters Linfred Cooper and George Fisher, Miss Elizabeth Cooper.—Delawarean of Jan. 15th.

MRS. GRACEY DEAD.

The news came on Monday of the death of Mrs. Gracey, wife of Dr. S. L. Gracey, consul at Foochow, China, and well-known to the people of this Peninsula. She was the daughter of Dr. T. J. Thompson, presiding elder for several terms in the Wilmington M. E. Conference and sister of Rev. H. S. Thompson, pastor at Delaware City at present, and of Miss Mary W. Thompson and Mrs. Ella T. Griffith, of Smyrna.

Mrs. Gracey died on December 11th. She had been ill for some time with fever, when pneumonia attacked her enfeebled frame, and she could not rally from it. Last spring Dr. S. L. Gracey was appointed for the second time consul to Foochow, and, early last summer, left for that distant field. Their four children, all grown, are residing in China. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Joyce.

Of the deceased the Smyrna "Times" says:

Thirty years ago, when they were in the morning of life, it will be recollected Dr. Gracey served the M. E. Church of this town three years as pastor, and Mrs. Gracey filled the responsible position of pastor's wife in every particular, efficiently. She was a woman of large capabilities, intellectually and socially, and using them in the direction of faith and good works was an inspiration, not only to her husband, but to every branch of the church. Many of those with whom she had formed warm friendships here passed on before her, but there are still a number left who will be pained to learn of her death, though it be with the assurance that death was only the portal to a more blissful existence.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post-office which can be had by saying they are advertised: T. T. Anderson, Mrs. R. J. Young, Henry Etta Patts, Lizzie Thought, James Wells, William L. Bartlett.

KENT COUNTY.

Joshua Bennett dropped dead while plowing near Harrington on Tuesday.

John Behen, Jr., of Dover, who with two companions had a narrow escape from being frozen to death while gunning on the marsh last Thursday, is still confined to his bed. His feet are in a terrible condition.

Two gentlemen representing Philadelphia capatalists have been in Seaford seeking information from council and laying plans before them for the establishment of a water works plant there. They propose to put in the plant themselves providing the town will give them the privilege of tearing up the streets.

The Gibbs Preserving Company, of Baltimore, the largest canners of vegetables in the world, have leased the Grier cannery on the river in North Milford, and will operate it for the next five years in accordance with provisions of their lease. The Gibbs Co. will at once enlarge the facilities of the factory and will probably employ some 500 hands during the packing season, which will be a matertial help to the town of Milford.

A new feature has been introduced into the public schools at Dover which no doubt will be a great benefit to the scholars in the way of making them more particular and careful in their manner of walking and carrying themselves erect. The different departments have been arranged into companies with a captain for each company. At an intermission of fifteen minutes every day both in the morning and afternoon, the scholars of the upstairs departments are called out for a drill.

The sportsmen in the vicinity of Dover are encouraged by their success last winter in purchasing quail and turning them loose in different communities in the upper part of Kent county, and the southern section of New Castle county, and have determined to try the experiment again this season. This fall's gunning shows the effects of what was done last year. The birds were more plentiful and the sportsmen thoroughly enjoyed the sport. An effort is now being made to purchase more birds this season than last year and try to make Kent county a gunners' paradise.

DECEASED.

John Morrison.

John Morrison, for years a citizen of Middletown and a contractor, died at his residence on Crawford street yesterday morning. He was 80 years old and for several years has been an invalid requiring the attention of his daughter who has been his faithful attendant. On Monday, Jan. 17, he fell down stairs in his sleep receiving injuries from which he could not recover.

Mr. Morrison had many warm friends who will regret to learn of his death and who sympathize with his daughters, Miss Mary E. Morrison, who is at home, and Mrs. Annie W. Hushebeck, of Philadelphia Funeral services will be held at the house on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock; interment Forest Cemetery.

Bessie G. Livingstone.

The daughter of Mrs. Thos. J. Green, died on Wednesday evening, at the home of her parents on the Vale farm near town. She has been ill some weeks with typhoid fever, aged 12 years. Services will be held at the house at 2:30 Sunday afternoon; interment at New Castle on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Budd.

The mother of the late J. Thomas Budd of Middletown, died at the residence of her son, Mr. Henry Budd, near Sassafras, on Saturday, January 15th, aged 85 years. The deceased was well known and much beloved in Middletown. Relatives from here attended the funeral.

OLD SUSSEX.

A Sussex county sage claims that that county sent more soldiers to the war of rebellion, according to population than any other county in the United States of Delaware in proportion to population furnished more troops to the Union army than any other State.

By February 1st regular trains will be running through from Queenstown to Lewes.

Mrs. Gibson of Bridgeville brought down a chicken thief this week with a shot gun. He got away leaving the chickens and blood marks behind.

A writer from Lewes refers to the revival services there as follows: "Revivals ervices have been in progress at the M. E. Church here for nearly three weeks and as yet no visible good has resulted. Last winter the church had a big revival, but it was carried on amid much excitement, and the converts pretty much all dropped out. On account of this, the pastor, the Rev. D. H. Corkran changed the order of services, and they have been carried on in a quiet dignified manner, and any one who accepts religion at this meeting will do it from a sense of deep conviction, and not under any superfluous excitement."

Under the new mayor at Lewes all stores barber shops and places of business have been ordered to close on Sundays. Mayor Burton is highly commended for this step.

The Georgetown Chapter of the Epworth League has donated enough Bibles to the two hotels there—The Brick and the Eagle —to have one placed in each of the rooms of those hostelries.

At the present there are only thirty-seven inmates at the Sussex Alms House.

Two sudden deaths occured at Laurel on Tuesday morning in the family of the late governor, Joshua H. Marvil. His cousin, Captain H. Creighton Hastings, an aged citizen was the first. Mr. Hastings, who was one of Laurel's oldest citizens, was stricken with a chill during prayer in the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning. The other was Mrs. Reuben Marvil, aged 20 years, a niece. Mrs. Marvil was married on her nineteenth birthday, January 27, 1897.

J. Dallas Marvil is erecting on his wharf property at Laurel a large warehouse for the storage of fruit.

About 1,600 feet of the new breakwater at the mouth of the bay stands at low water several feet above sea level, and now affords a good shelter for vessels. The superstructure or capping will not be placed for some time.

Delaware Society Dinner.

The eighth annual meeting and dinner of the Delaware Society of the city of New York will be held Thursday evening, February 17th, 1898, at Delmonico's, 44th street and Fifth avenue, New York City.

The officers of the society for the current year: W. H. Stayton, formerly of Smyrna, president; S. L. McGonigal, formerly of Dover, secretary, and R. E. Cochran, Esq., formerly of Middletown, treasurer.

The object of the society is to bring together once a year all the Delawareans who live in and around New York City and over a good dinner revive old friendships, make new ones and sound the praise of the "Diamond State" and "Blue Hen's Chickens."

All Delawareans living in New York City are cordially invited to attend the meeting and dinner, and all persons knowing Delawareans who have recently removed to New York are requested to send theirnames and addresses to S. L. McGonigal, secretary, No. 10 W. 23d street, New York City.

MY MARYLAND.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Hon. John Wirt Randall, to prohibit the issuing of trading stamps in this state and put a stop to all so-called gift enterprises. There is not one of these devices that does not in the end add cost to the consumer, and President Randall's bill should be passed by all means. Similar action has been taken in several states, and it would be well for Maryland to enact such a law before the nuisance becomes too firmly grafted.—Cecil County News.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort finds himself the defendant in a $10,000 damage suit as the sequel to a transaction in walnut logs. In October Mr. Woodford A. Ramey purchased walnut timber from Col. Vannort the price having been agreed upon. The timber was loaded on board vessel and $10 left with Mr. Kilbourn, at Lankford, for Col. Vannort, who claimed $40. Upon reaching Baltimore Mr. Ramey was arrested and brought to Chestertown and lodged in jail but was subsequently released on bail. At the trial before Justice Wilkins, according to the measurement of expert timber measurers, a difference of one dollar was made in Col. Vannort's favor, which Ramey offered to pay, and was released by the magistrate. Mr. Ramey has brought suit for imprisonment, cost of delay and inconvenience in unloading cargo, etc., and Messrs. Vickers and Burroll will push the case. Colonel Vannort has employed R. D. Hynson, Esq., to defend his suit.

The Maryland State Fish Commissioners have made a report of the number of food fishes distributed last year, as follows: White perch, 44,150,000; yellow perch, 40,300,000; brook trout, 307,100; shad, 53,625,000; lake trout, 50,000; rainbow trout, 1,905; black bass, 20,000; small-mouth bass, 500; cat-fish, 600.

Mr. Stephen Collins Wright, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, died at his late residence in Centreville, Queen Anne county, on Sunday morning after an illness of twelve hours. The trouble was acute uraemia complicated with heart trouble. Mr. Wright was born near Centreville February 12th, 1837, and was educated at Westchester Academy, Pennsylvania. In the spring 1861 he engaged in the boating business and ran a packet between Queenstown and Baltimore for two years, after which he moved to Centreville, continuing the business. In 1866 he began farming near Centreville. A year later he married Miss Margaret W. Emery, daughter of Mrs. Catherine P, Wilmer Emory. He left no children.

Centreville is advocating the erection of a high school in that town. There is not at present a high school in Queen Anne's county.

A number of farmers about Denton do not intend contracting for their tomato crop this season, but expect to profit by last year's experience and sell them to the highest bidder. The acreage planted will be unusually large.

Several ineffectual ballots have been taken in the Maryland Legislature for U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Gorman. The Democrats vote for Gorman but the Republicans are divided. Judge Louis E. McComas leads but the Baltimore kickers are for Major Shaw. A caucus may be called but it is not probable that the kickers will attend. The votes have been:

CANDIDATES.					
McComas	34	36	40	40	40
Shaw	11	11	18	1	18
Parran	6	6	3	3	3
Shryock	3	2	2	2	2
Barber	6	6	0	17	0
Findlay	2	2	2	2	2
Lowndes	1	1	0	0	0
Mullikin	1	2	2	2	2
Urner	1	1	0	0	0
Gorman	42	46	47	47	47
Page	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	108	113	114	114	114

"The Riddle of Things That Are."

We walk in a world where no man reads
The riddle of things that are,—
From a tiny fern in the valley's heart
To the light of the largest star,—
Yet we know that the pressure of Life is hard
And the silence of Death is deep,
As we fall and rise on the tangled way
That leads to the gate of Sleep.

We know that the problems of Sin and Pain,
And the passions that lead to crime,
Are the mysteries locked from age to age
In the awful vault of Time;—
Yet we lift our weary feet and strive
Through the mire and mist to grope
And find a ledge on the mount of Faith
In the morning land of Hope.
—Harper's Weekly.

FLORIDA.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its boating and bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its primeval forests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

The first Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York by special train Tuesday, January 25. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals *en route* in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, $48.00; Cananda; igua, $52.85; Erie, 54.85; Wilkesbarre, $50.35 Pittsburg, $53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelpnia.

Did You Make Your Grain-O This Way?

Here are the latest directions: Use one teaspoonful of Grain-O to two cups of cold water. Mix the Grain-O with half an egg and add the water. (Be sure to measure.) After the water gets to the boiling point let boil for fifteen to twenty minutes. Use cream and sugar to suit the taste. If you have not cream use hot milk.

A lady said: "The first time I drank Grain-O I did not like it, but after using it for ten days and forming the habit, nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." This is the experience of all. If you will follow directions, measure it every time and make it the same, and try it for ten days, you will not go back to coffee.

America and especially trans-contiflental travel has been revolutionized by the Personally-Conducted Tours of the Pennsylvania Railroad. California, the "land of promise," the dream of the tourist, has been made easily accessible. Through trains of palatial appointments run between the Atlantic and the Pacific, affording ample opportunity to visit the most interesting points *en route*, and insuring a degree of comfort and special attention not otherwise attainable. The next tour under this matchless system will leave New York Philadelphia, and Pittsburg Thursday, January 27, visiting St Louis, El Paso, San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs and Manitou, Denver, &c. Round trip rate, including transportation, meals carriage drives, hotel accommodations, and Pullman accommodations, *en route*, and Pullman berth Los Angeles to San Francisco, and transportation in California, $310.00 from all stations east of Pittsburg; with hotel accommodations, meals, transfers, and carriage drives through California for four weeks, $125.00 additional. An experienced chaperon will accompany the party for the benefit of the lady tourists. For itineraries, tickets, and full information, apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia

PRNINSULA HORTICULTURISTS.

Annual Session Held in Snow Hill, Md., Last Week.

The annual session of the Peninsula Horticultural Society was held in Snow Hill, Md., last week. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John J. Ross, of Milford, Del.; vice-president, Captain R. S. Emory, of Chestertown, Wesley Webb, of Dover, was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Smyrna, Del.

Dr. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University, gave a talk on economic questions relating to the growing of fruit. Of the staple fruits – that is, those which can be kept for any length of time, there can be no over production but of the delicate and perishable varieties there is great danger of an overproduction. Naturally this would cause a reduction of the market price because of the supply.

S. H. Derby, of Woodside, Del., who conducted the experiments referred to by Professor Chester, spoke of the striking results obtained by him in spraying his Winesaps for apple scab with the Bordeaux mixture. He had increased the yield, the keeping qualities, the shipping qualities and the size and his Winesaps are now selling at 90 cents a basket.

During the meeting a discussion arose as to the beneficial or non-beneficial effect of crimson clover in orchards. Charles Barker, of Milford, one of the most successful growers on the peninsula advocated its use. It is true that its too abundant or incorrect use might, by supplying too much nitrogen, put the trees in such physical condition as not to be so well fortified to resist attacks of the yellows, but in every case where it did not prove beneficial it was because of its injudicious use, and not because of its harmful effect in itself.

Prof. F. Harold Powell, of the Delaware Experiment Station, spoke of the general feeling among fruit growers that apple culture is not adapted to the Peninsula. The climate and soil, he stated, are not unlike that in any other sections apple culture is profitably developed. The fundamental trouble lies in the former attempt to grow northern varieties. The variety is largely an expression of the phyiscal condition in which it exists, hence varieties should not be brought into a climate entirely different from that in which they are naturally adapted. The mistake was made, however, because when the early Peninsula orchards were set there were no other prominent varieties in existence. The production of local varieties is one of the horticultural demands of the times. They can be produced on the Peninsula by seedlings of the finest commercial kinds, already here in cultivation, though seedling production is only a lottery. Or by introducing the varieties from sections having similar climatic conditions in this way the Winesap, Stayman's, Paragon and York Imperial have been introduced or by improving these kinds by one selection. The apple can be grown as cheaply here as in any section in America, and its future is a bright one if correctly developed.

Capt. R. S. Emory brought quite a storm of protest down on his shoulders by saying that he never planted the potatoes he raised, but always got his seed potatoes from New York, and would rather pay $1 a bushel for them than to have another sort as a gift. Delegates from Delaware and Virginia both stated warmly that their experience had by no means been that way, but their own growth or local seedlings had always given excellent results for them.

The Virginia delegate, Mr. Elsey, stated that he knew of one dealer in Accomac county who had bought 3000 bushels to be shipped as seed potatoes to northern markets.

Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL.

The Convention of the Twenty-sixth Annual of the Y. M. C. A., of Maryland, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Delaware, will meet in Baltimore, January 28th–30th, commencing at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Among the prominent men who will be present and take part are President B. L. Whitman, D. D., of Columbian College, Washington, D. C.; Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., of Northfield, Mass.; Rev. Albert H. Studebaker, D. D., of Baltimore; International secretaries of New York, H. O. Williams, G. B. Hodge, Gilbert A. Beaver and W. B. Miller, and State Secretary, L. A. Coulter, of Virginia.

Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., is of Mr. Moody's Church, Northfield, and will conduct the Bible studies, which are sure to be most attractive features of the Convention. Topics and matters of more than ordinary interest will be discussed and considered, and the music will also be of the strong features, as many of Baltimore's leading singers are interested and will be there to sing.

An invitation is extended to places not having Young Men's Christian Associations and also to Young Peoples Societies, Churches and Sunday Schools.

There will be reduced rates on the railroads, and delegates will be entertained by the people of West Baltimore. Persons intending to go the Convention should communicate early with W. H. Morriss, Secretary, Charles and Saratoga streets, Baltimore.

Public Sales

Wednesday, February 2, 1898.—Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by T. Edgar Clayton, administrator of John M. Clayton, deceased, at the late residence of Mr. Clayton near Mt. Pleasant.

Saturday, February 12th, 1898.—Sale of Stock and Personal Property by J. L. Smith, on the "Hayes Farm," one mile north of Middletown.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1898.—Sale of Stock Household Goods, &c., by W. B. Williams on the "Holten Farm," 2½ miles west of Middletown.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by Jesse L. Shepherd, on the farm known as the "Caulk Farm," near Sassafras, Md.

Wednesday. Feb. 16, 1898.—Sale of Stock and Farm Implements, &c., by W. F. Clements on Theodore Cavender's farm, State Road, near Smyrna.

Thursday, February 17th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by John W. Voshell, at his residence, on the W. R. Cochran farm, one mile West of Middletown.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1898.—Sale of Personal Property on Home Farm by Jonathan K. Williams, near Odessa.

Thursday, February 24th, 1898.—Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by F. P. VanHekle, Sr., on the home farm, near Delaware City.

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ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Velma Moore is visiting friends in Princeton, N. J.

Dr. Council made a flying trip to Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. and Miss Enos are guests of Wilmington friends.

Mr. Michael Greminger was a Wilmington visitor this week.

Mr. Geo. L. Townsend, Jr., spent Monday evening in Wilmington.

Miss Anna Morgan spent Monday and Tuesday in Havre de Grace, Md.

Miss Elizabeth M. Temple has returned from a visit to Maryland friends.

Mrs. George L. Townsend is the guest of her son, Mr. L. Scott Townsend, of Wilmington.

One of the members of the Cantwell Club celebrated his birthday Wednesday evening by serving a collation in the club room.

The Rev. W. O. Hurst is having a good attendance at the revival meetings and so far the meetings have been quite successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson have returned from New York City where they have been visiting. Miss Lizzie Carter returned with them.

Mr. Perry Rose, formerly of Odessa, now of Wilmington, spent Tuesday with his father. Upon his return to Wilmington he met with an accident in West Yard which resulted in the loss of one foot.

Mr. R. J. Foard, of New York City, spent Sunday with his family. On Monday Mrs. Foard returned with him to Brooklin to attend the wedding of their niece, Miss Flora Bean.

Col. John W. Andrews Post, No. 14, Department of Delaware, installed their officers on Wednesday, January 19th at 2 P. M., as follows: P. C., Isaac R. Staats; Sr. V. C., I. F. Croft; Jr. V. C., D. S. Morgan; Chaplain, L. V. Aspril, Sr; Surgeon, Harrison Vandegrift; Q. M., W. H. Eccles; Agt., Joseph H. Enos; O. of Day, Michael Greminger; O. of G., Joseph A. Rhodes. After the installation a public Camp Fire was held. Speeches by Rev. Mr. Hurst, Comrades Eccles and Greminger. Finale—crackers, cheese, cake and coffee, (Ad Lib).

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Mrs. W. A. Scott spent Tuesday in Middletown.

Miss Mackey, of Newark, has been visiting Miss Mary Watts, near town.

Mrs. A. C. P. Reynolds, of Golts, is visiting her brother, Mr. Edward Hart.

Invitations are out for an oyster social, to be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Knotts.

Miss Mamie Townsend, who has been visiting her parents, returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Hollis and daughter, Miss Sallie, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Geo. M. D. Hart this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hutchison, of Wilmington, are guests of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Hutchison.

Frank Hess, Jr., has accepted a position as salesman in the hat store of his uncle Albert Hess, in Philadelphia.

The Drama, "Broken Fetters," given in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, was quite a success. Something over $40 was taken in at the door.

George Bell and Piner Dixson, colored, were arraigned before 'Squire Naudain for inciting riot here on Christmas eve. Dixson was held under $500 bail and Bell $1000 for their appearance at court. Failing to secure bail, they were committed to jail.

DELAWARE CITY.

Miss Hannah Swan is visiting her mother.

Dr. Martin Barr was in town on Saturday.

Miss Emma Frempt is visiting her father and sister.

Mrs. F. C. Warner was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Foard has returned from Blackbird.

Mrs. William F. Vail spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Edgar Vail, from near Porter's Station, was in town on Wednesday.

Rev. Alfred Scott preached in the M. E Church last Thursday night.

The Misses Clark, of "Greenlea," gave a ball on Friday night in Assembly Hall.

Mr. Gilbert Green, from near Smyrna, was the guest of Miss A. Schunder last Sunday.

The musicale given on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the P. E. Church was well patronized.

Miss Laura Frempt has returned from Parkersburg, Va., where she attended the wedding of her brother Frank.

Mr. Warner has purchased three building lots on Clinton street adjoining the Ashurst property aad contemplates erecting a handsome house there.

The funeral of Mr. John Kane took place on Tuesday afternoon. Services were held at the house conducted by Rev. H. S. Thompson; interment at Delaware City cemetery.

Rev. H. S. Thompson was unable to conduct the service on Wednesday night having received intelligence of the death on December 11th of dengue fever of his sister, Mrs. Lillian Gracey, wife of Rev. Samuel L. Gracey, U. S. Consul to Foochow, China. Mrs. Gracey was the daughter of the late Dr. T. J. Thompson.

The proverbial carelessness of our town officials renders the criticisms on the condition of our streets by strangers justifiable. Hamilton street, between 3rd and 4th, has become a dumping ground. There should be more serious objections to spoiled fish and other such stuff than to the barnyard on Clinton street, which has become an object of controversy.

Musicale at Delaware City.

The musicale given in Delaware City on Tuesday, January 18th, was one of the most delightful events which has for a long time occurred. The ladies and gentlemen, all amateurs, possessed artistic ability and afforded an evening of marked pleasure.

Miss Weil, of Germantown, played the "Pilgrim's Chorus" and "Liebes-Lied" with exquisite taste, following which, Mr. Atkinson sang in fine tenor voice the beautiful song, "Calm is the Night." Mr. Bird, of Philadelphia, rendered several pleasing arrangements for violin and the "Miserere" played by Miss Bird with other selections for piano were most pleasing. "Il Bacio" was sung with brilliant effect by Miss McDonald, of Philadelphia, and the well known singer, Mr. Brady, gave much enjoyment with his bright ballads.

Interspersed with the music were readings by Mr. Bartlett, of Wilmington. The music throughout was carefully chosen and expressed by accomplished performers.

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS

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Creamery Butter, lb	25c
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Eggs, doz	17@16c
Lard, lb	8c
Potatoes	30@35
Spring chickens	8@10
Apples per basket	75c
GRAIN.	
Wheat, No. 1, bus	94c
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Notice--Dividend!

The Peoples' National Bank, of Middletown,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 31st, 1897.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of TWO AND ONE HALF PER CENT: for the lsat six months, payable on and after Saturday, Janury 8th, 1898.

8-jan.3t G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice--Dividend!

New Castle County National Bank, of Odessa, January 5th, 1898.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE PER CENT. payable on and after the 12th inst.

8 jan.3t JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

—OF—

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned administrator of John M. Clayton, deceased, will sell at his late residence, two miles west of Mt. Pleasant, Delaware, od

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2d, '98

AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The following Property:

17 Horses, Colts and Mules

No. 1.—Luke, sorrel horse, 9 years old, a good driver or worker.
No. 2.—Joe, bay horse, 10 years old, a good worker.
No. 3.—Gov. Pattison, dun horse, 6 years old, a good worker.
No. 4.—Mabel, bay mare, 7 years old, a good worker or driver, by Hawthorne.
No. 5.—Downing, brown mare, a good worker or driver.
No. 6.—Eulalia, black mare, 4 years old, by New York Dictator, very promising.
No. 7.—Dick, roan horse, 6 years old, a good worker or driver.
No. 8.—Lucy, bay mare, 4 years old, a good worker or driver, by Hawthorne.
No. 9.—Betty, black mare, 12 years old, by Gilt Edge.
No. 10.—Yellow Cloud, 3 years, old, very promising, by Garrett.
No. 11.—Addicks, sorrel colt, 2 years old, by Garrett.
No. 12.—Ben Harrison, sorrel horse, 8 years old, by Blackmore.
No. 13.—Hayes, sorrel horse, a good worker, by Blackmore.
Nos. 14 and 15.—Pair black mules, 3 years old and broken.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Conrt House on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 22d DAY OF JANUARY, 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain farm, plantation and parcel of land situate in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county and State of Delaware aforesaid, on the public road leading from Red Lion to New Castle, adjoining lands of William Cooper, land of George Z. Tybout, lands of Barney Reybold, and other lands and containing 153 acres, more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Jacob P. Dickson and Esther B. Dickson, his wife, mortgagers, and t.t's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, December 29th, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Plu Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, having thereon erected a brick dwelling house and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the easterly side of Poplar street, at the distance of 76 feet and 9¼ inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighth street; thence northerly along said side of Poplar street 15 feet 2½ inches to the middle of the brick division wall between this and the adjoining house on the north; thence through the middle of said wall easterly and parallel with Eighth street 80 feet to the westerly side of an alley 3 feet wide leading from Eighth street to Taylor street; thence southerly along said alley side and parallel with Poplar street 15 feet 2½ inches to a stake; thence westerly parallel with Eighth street 80 feet to the said easterly side of Poplar street and place of beginning, be the contents thereof what it may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William Henry Stoopes and Annie Stoopes, his wife, and t.t's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 17th, 1898.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Plu Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets. in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1898,
at 2 o'clock, p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All those two certain lots or pieces of land with the buildings thereon, situate in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, severally bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

No. 1. Beginning on the corner formed by the intersection of the line of the westerly side of Wilson street with the line of the northerly side of Eighth street; thence northerly along the westerly side of Wilson street 55 feet, more or less, to the southerly side of a 3-feet wide alley; thence westerly along said side of said alley and parallel to Eighth street 12 feet 6 inches to a corner; thence southerly and parallel to Wilson street 55 feet, more or less, to the northerly side of Eighth street, and thence easterly along said side of said street 12 feet and 6 inches to the place of beginning, be the contents within said bounds what they may, with a brick store and dwelling thereon, together with the free and uninterrupted use of said 3 feet wide alley in common with other owners of land bounding thereon, forever.

No. 2. Beginning on the easterly side of Poplar street at the distance of 76 feet 9¼ inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighth street; thence northerly along said side of Poplar street 15 feet 2½ inches to the middle of the brick division wall between this and the adjoining house on the north; thence through the middle of said wall easterly parallel with Eighth street 80 feet to the westerly side of an alley 3 feet wide leading from Eighth street to Taylor street; thence southerly along said alley side and parallel with Poplar street 15 feet 2½ inches to a stake; thence westerly parallel with Eighth street 80 feet to the said easterly side of Poplar street, to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may, with a brick dwelling thereon erected.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William H. Stoopes, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 17th, 1898.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

Register's Office,
New Castle County, Del.,
November 17th, 1897.

Upon the application of William N. Watts, Executor of Jacob C. Vandyke, late of Appoquinimink hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of letters testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

{SEAL} Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

Notice.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Seventeenth day of November, A. D., 1897, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Executor, on or before the Seventeenth day of November, 1898, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided,

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Of Interest to Farmers

PROTECTING STABLE MANURE.

For keeping my manure, I have a shed in one corner of the barn so situated that the manure from the stalls can be pitched directly into it. To make a considerable quantity of manure it is necessary to have plenty of bedding. For this purpose I use straw and forest leaves. It costs but little to gather the leaves in the fall and store them in a convenient place in the barn. My method is to make a good bedding of leaves or straw. Add a little each morning with a sprinkling of road dust or plaster. The stalls are cleaned once a week. To the heap is added the weekly cleanings of the henhouse and the refuse of the premises. As it is kept dry, there is no danger of heating and it is left to accumulate until ready to spread in the spring. The dry road dust and plaster absorb the moisture and retain the ammonia which would otherwise be largely lost.

For green manures, I advocate the sowing of cowpeas in May, to be followed by crimson clover from the latter part of August to middle of September. The clover protects the land during the winter and furnishes an excellent early spring pasture, after which it can be turned under for fertilizing purposes.

WAS IT CLEANLY MILKING?

The statement of Clarence C. Gates about cleanly milking certainly calls for some remarks. He speaks of keeping the filth from the udder out of the pail. It is not in the manner of milking that cleanliness is ensured, but by the perfectly clean condition of the cow's teats. No milker up to date in his work would think of milking a cow whose teats were so unclean that if he were to strip the cow, as the kind of milking by finger and thumb is commonly known, the filth on the teat would be scraped off, as Mr. Gates says, into the pail. In fact, the enormity of this offence against purity is worthy of punishment by imprisonment, for it might easily lead to fatal sickness of some unfortunate infant who was fed with this milk. We do not think of the calf in milking the cow, for that is in no way necessary. The milker whose wrist is tired, and milking any cow is hard work for the sinews of the wrist, even should the cow be an easy milker, may very rightly ease the work by changing the ordinary milking to stripping, as it is called, when the finger and thumb are used as Mr. Gates describes.

It is not at all in the way the cow is milked that clean milking consists, but in the proper washing or wiping of the cow's teats before the milking is begun, with a wet sponge and a clean cloth, never used more than one day without washing. To recommend any way of milking because "the least dirt falls" is accusing oneself of uncleanness. For absolutely no dirt should be left on a cow's teats when the milker sits down to begin the milking. A good way to milk a short teated cow is to take the teat between the knuckle of the thumb and the first finger, and a teat only half an inch long may be milked in that way. The quick milking of a cow is done best by taking hold of the teat by the whole hand in the usual way, but right up to the base of the teat. I have milked cows every day, except in short absences from home at very long intervals, for nearly 60 years, and never in all that time tried to milk so that "the least dirt falls." My good mother taught me to see that the cow's teats were absolutely clean before a teat was touched to draw the milk. And not wishing any filth in mine, or in the butter I have sold, I have always taken care that the teats were so clean that not the least dirt could possibly fall into the milk, however the milk was drawn.

SUCCESS ON SMALL FARMS.

T. B. Terry, of Hudson, Ohio, who is a notable example of success on small farms, has given in late numbers of the Practical Farmer some account of what three young men are doing on small farms. The first of the "small farmers" he quotes from is a Pennsylvanian, Mr. Cocklin, of Bowmansdale, who writes:

"I believe the greatest mistake we made in our business was having too much to do. I now think that with one-half the acres (we have 275) we could have realized as much or more." This is one of the great mistakes that many make. Gradually lay your plans so as not to undertake any more than you can do thoroughly well and on time, as a rule. We have money invested outside now. All things taken into account the farm pays best. But suppose we took some of the money and bought another farm, and tried to double our money. Do you think we would do as well financially as now? I do not, and then look at the increase of worry. Big crops on a small farm pay better than average crops on a large one, or at least they may be made to. A good friend from Indiana once said to me, "It is too bad that you should throw away your time on such a little piece of land. Now I honestly doubt whether we should have done as well on a large farm here, and I know we should have had much more worry and anxiety. Don't you think I am right?"

The next, Mr. Frank M. Price, says: "When I first began reading what you wrote in Ohio Farmer, brother and I were farming 180 acres together. After thinking much, I concluded that I could get more out of life on a smaller place. So I rented my half farm to brother and bought a nice little place of twenty-six acres near Richmond, Ind. We have eighteen acres divided into three strips of six acres each, where we raise corn, wheat and clover. We keep four good Jersey cows. We send milk to a nearby creamery and get back two-thirds of the skimmed milk for our pigs. Our six acres of corn measured last year in the crib 450 bushels. We are getting along nicely, have time to read, raise some flowers, keep our yard nicely trimmed, do our best on our little place and feel that life is worth living. Wife and I take a trip every year, attend the lecture course in Richmond, and am not thinking of the almighty dollar. We are laying up some money each year; are out of debt now."

And referring to this Mr. Terry adds: "Now friends, is not this farmer getting more out of life; is he not better off than many a one who works himself and family almost to death in trying to carry on a large farm and keep everything up; who never has time for a "trip," or to read, or to fix up the home surroundings? But twenty-six acres is a very small farm. For some kinds of farming 100 might be small. No exact rule can be laid down. Mr. Price's success comes from good land and a good location, and then through work and little expense. I hope this letter will interest a good many young readers. You do not need a great deal of land in order to be successful. And don't miss Mr. Price's idea of what true success is."

A NATURAL FOOD FOR HORSES.

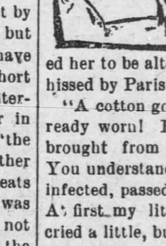
The oat is a natural food for horses at any age. It has just the kind of nutrition to make the muscle and bone, and, conjoined with exercise, these are the basis of strength. It is especially important that the colt begin to develop muscle at an early age. If he is allowed free room in which to run, the colt fed a few oats daily will do all else that is needed. He will even groom himself by rolling on the ground or in the snow when snow is on the ground. Besides, a pint of oats twice a day, making only a quart a day, will keep the colt growing when with only hay he will have a rough, staring coat and grow very little the first winter. What is worse, the colt thus underfed is likely to have its digestion injured. The hull of the oat prevents it from injuring the colt when fed in such small quantities. Towards spring the amount of oats may be increased to a quart at each feeding. At a quart a day it is less than a bushel per month, and at the largest it is less than two bushels per month. What is ten bushels of oats in comparison with the increased value of a thrifty horse instead of having an unthrifty one?

A well-known successful farmer, who is very much interested in good hogs, says: "My pigs consume the skim milk from my Jersey herd. This, with middlings and ground barley, makes more muscle than corn does, and there is none of that heating so detrimental when corn is largely the diet of growing pigs. Clover pasture is another good accompaniment."

It is surprising that so many farmers seem to be content to raise and feed cattle which are only calculated to bring second or third-class prices, and which in order to make them salable at all, consume more good feed than better bred animals will, and which make such a very unsatisfactory return tor what they eat as compared with what the better class will realize.

Our Woman's .....Column

SARAH BERNHARDT.



O you are going to play the part of a working girl? "Yes for the first time in my life." It is Sarah Bernhardt who was speaking, just before the new play which has caused her to be alternately acclaimed and hissed by Parisians who adore her.

"A cotton gown and an apron, already worn! Every day something is brought from the Temple Market. You understand that everything is disinfected, passed through drying stoves. At first my little girls held out and cried a little, but now they understand and are doing their best. We have had to find 200 costumes. We finally bought new dresses at one of the big shops and sent them to a factory town, were they were traded off for old duds."

Sarah's experiment has not pleased the Parisians, because the play—Octave Mirabeau's—The Evil Shepherds—brings up the most painful phases of the conflict between labor and capital, and at the end, when the soldiers have fired on the strikers, Sarah Bernhardt, in her working girl's gown of dark blue calico, with its white dots, falls bleeding and dead along with the rest.

She is not pretty as a working girl—she who has won her great successes as some Empress or other ornamental heroine, and at the death she is horrid. Then, the play does not conclude, but rails bitterly at capitalist and Socialist leaders alike. Yet it is so powerful, there is so much gore in it for a theatre where even "Secret Service" seemed violent and failed, that Sarah, as Madeline, the working girl, may be said to have triumphed once again.

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THE BABY STARE.

The mere passing notice it has received does not sufficiently indicate the importance which surely attaches to the return of the baby stare, says the New York World. A young woman who is quoted as an authority, and who is undeniably sprightly of speech, is reported as uttering these significant words on the subject:

"All of us who gave up the baby stare and took to athletics are left. Do you want any more proof? All the girls who stuck to the baby stare are married. So there, now."

If the young lady is right it is not too much to say that the female in athletics is doomed.

The irresistible sway of the ox-eyed, unblinking, sweetly innocent gaze of woman when she has mastered the inimitable glance which came to be known as the baby stare is a record of subjugated man and wedding breakfasts. Before now there would not have been enough unwedded men to compose a reception committee for a bachelor cotillion had not the athletic fever infected woman.

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AN OLD WOMAN'S WAGER.

A dispatch from Chillicothe, O., says that Mrs. Orpha Wright, of that city, has just completed, for a wager, a remarkable feat of endurance. She has been inordinately fond of crochet work since her childhood, and some time ago wagered a friend that she could crochet six window curtains, each four and one-half yards long by a yard and a half wide, in eight months.

Each spool contains 200 yards. She consumed 244,800 yards of thread in making the curtains. She began the work with an ordinary crochet needle, but found that they were too soft, and a dentist made for her two dozen needles of tempered steel. They were completely worn out before the task was finished, and Mrs. Wright's fingers were almost worn to the bone by the friction of the thread.

She worked from twelve to fourteen hours every day, and managed to complete the curtains in just eight months almost to the hour. There are over 20,000,000 stitches in the curtains, and in addition to this Mrs. Wright made the sixty tassels which adorn the curtains, and braided the forty-two yards of cord with which they are draped. The remarkable task resulted in an attack of nervous prostration for the operator, and she has not touched a crochet needle since, and probably never will again, as they excite in her the deepest loathing.

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Two stylishly dressed ladies went into a Willson avenue drug store the other day, and asked if they could use the telephone. After they had carried on a conversation lasting about half an hour, one of the ladies said, in the hearing of the druggist:

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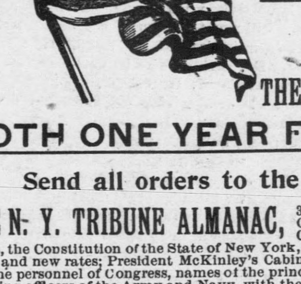
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Dover	2.52	7.03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5:11
Dupont		f7.08				
Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.48		f 5:20
Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
Smyrna..LV		7.14	8.42	9.49	3.44	5:20
Clayton	3.09	7.24	8.53	9.59	3.54	5:30
Gr'n Spring		f7.28				f 5:37
Blackbird		f7.34		f10.08		f 5:43
Townsend		7.39	9 06	10 13	4.07	5:49
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.23	4.16	5:57
Armstrong		f7.54				f 6:01
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f10 32		6:05
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40		6:15
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.46	4.34	6:20
Bear		f8.20		f10.51		6:25
State Road		f8.25		f10 56		6:30
New Castle		8.31	9.46	11.02	f 4.47	6:35
Farnhurst		f8.36	i9.50	f11.07		f 6.39
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11.17	4.59	6:47
Baltimore	6.31	10.40	11.15	12.40	6.55	8:43
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.42	7:33
	a m.	a m.	a m.	p m.	p m.	p m

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.
"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.
"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.
"i" Stops to leave passengers from Middle town and points south.
"t" Stops to let off passengers from Harrington points south.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 8.13, 11.04, a. m., 2.51, 4.27, and 6.55, p. m., week-days. Leave New Castle 8.31, 9.46, 11.02 a. m., 4.47 and 6 35 p. m., week-days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8.05 a. m., and arriving at 6.33 p. m., week-days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Porter and Newark.

BRANCH ROADS.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.39 a m. week-days, 6.37 p m Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Returning train leaves Franklin City 5.50 a. m. week days, and 1.42 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.43 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.42 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.39 a. m., 6.37 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m., 3 11 p. m. week-days.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.39 a. m. week days and 6.37 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Returning, leave Berlin 6.57 a. m. week days and 2.43 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.22 a. m., and 5.32 p. m.. week days. Returning, leave Centreville 6.50 a. m.. and 1.27 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.38 a. m., and 5.47 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.45 a. m., and 1 40 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.17 a. m. and 7.14 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7.0 and 10.55 p. m. week-days.

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New York, week-days, *3.13, *9.39, ‡10.24 a. m. *12.19, *2.34, *3.59 *5.21, *7 41, *11 p. m Sundays, *3.13, *9.39 *11.24, a. m. *3.59, *5.21, *7 41, ‡11.00. p. m.

Philadelphia, week-days, ‡3.13, 5.50, 6.40, 7.15, ‡7.35, ‡8.95, 9.00, ‡9.39, ‡10.24, 11.08, a. m. ‡12.19, 1.20, ‡2.34, ‡3.59, 4.10, ‡5.21, 6.30, ‡7.41, 9.15 ‡11.00 p. m. Sundays, ‡3.13, 7.35, 8.50, ‡9.39 11.24 ‡11.24, a. m., ‡3.59, 4.10, ‡5.21, 6.30, ‡7.41, 9.15, ‡11.00, p. m.

Chester, week-days, ‡3.13, 5.50, 6.40, ‡7.15, 7.35, ‡8.25 ‡9.00, ‡9.39, ‡10.24, 11.08 a.m., 1.20, ‡2.34, 4.10, ‡5.21, 6.30, ‡7.41, 9.15, ‡11 p. m. Sundays, ‡3.13, 7.35, 8 50, ‡9.39 ‡11.24 11.24 a. m., ‡3 59, 4.10, 5 21, 6 30, 7 41, 9.15, ‡11.00, p. m.

Atlantic City, week-days, ‡7.15, a. m., ‡12.19, ‡2.34, p. m., Sundays, *7 35 a. m.

Cape May, week-days, m., ‡5.50 am, Sundays, 2.34 a. m.

Baltimore and Washington, week-days, ‡4.18 7.10, ‡8.35, ‡11 01 a. m., ‡12.57, 12.09, 3.04, ‡4.04, ‡4.57 ‡6.18, ‡8 04 ‡9.11 p. m. Sundays, ‡4.18, 7.10, ‡8.35 a. m., ‡12.57, ‡2.09, 3.04, ‡4.57, ‡8 04 ‡9.11 p. m. Baltimore and way stations, daily. 7.10, a. m 3.04 p.m.,

Newark, Del., week-days, ‡4.18, 7.10, ‡8.35 ‡11 01 a.m., ‡12.57 3.04, ‡4 04, ‡4.57, ‡6.18, 7.32, ‡9.11 ‡10.55 p m. Sundays, ‡4.18, 7.10, ‡8.35 a. m. 12.57 3.04 ‡4.57, 7.32, ‡9.11 p. m.

Pittsburg, week-days, ‡8.35, a m ‡6.18 p. m., Sundays ‡8.35 a m ‡4 57 p m.

Chicago, daily. 8 35 a m *4.57 p m.

Chicago via Cincinnati and Indianapolis ‡8.35 a m daily.

Cincinnati and St. Louis, daily ‡2.35 a m ‡12.57, and 9. 11 p. m.

Toledo and Detroit, *9.11 p m daily to Toledo and dailey except Sunday to Detroit.

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Singerly accommodation, daily 7.10. a. m., 3.04, 7.35, 10.55 p. m: Sundays, 7.10 a m 3.04, 7.32 p m.

Landenburg accommodation, week-days, 7.10 10.00, a. m., 3.04 4.57, p. m. Sundays, 10, a. m., 4.57, p. m.

Leave Market Street Station for Philadelphia, week-days, 3 50 p m

Baltimore, week-days, 6.45 a m 2.55 p. m.

Landenburg and way stations, week days 6.45, 9.55, a. m., 2 55, 5.10, p. m. Sundays, 9.55 a. m., 5..10 p. m.

Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut street Station for Wilmington, week-days, ‡3.35, 6,10 7.10, ‡8.00 9 00, ‡10 26, 11.30, a. m., ‡12.20, ‡1.37, 2.00, ‡3.30, ‡4.20, 4.30, ‡5.15, ‡5.42, 6 00, 6.30, ‡7.30, ‡8.35, 10.00 ‡11.35, p. m.

Sundays, ‡3.35, ‡8,00, 9.00, 11.30, a.m., ‡12.20, ‡1.37, 2.00, ‡4.20, ‡5 15, 6 30, ‡7 30 *8.35 10.30 p. m.

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